WHOLESALE MILK SALES INCREASE

From 1944 through 1949 Virginia registered an increase in the amount of whole milk sold, with the largest increase of 43.69 percent in Central Virginia an analysis of the agricultural census of 1950 shows.

Southside and southwestern counties had increases of 37.69 percent and 47.38 percent respectively in that period. Twenty-one counties sold less milk in 1949 than in 1944.

The analysis noted that whole milk is the most important dairy product sold from Virginia farms, accounting for 91 percent of the income from dairy products. Over half of the whole milk sold in Virginia during 1949 came from counties in the northern and southwestern areas of the state.

The number of farms selling whole milk throughout the state increased 14.02 percent from 1944 through 1949. Individually not many more than half of the counties had an increase however. The Tidewater area had a decrease of 43.47 percent, and the northern area showed a slight decrease of 1.87 percent.

Almost one-half of the farms selling whole milk were located in the southwestern Virginia counties, but they sold much less per farm than in any of the other areas.

Income from dairy products represented 14.93 percent of Virginia's total farm income. Nine counties received 34 percent or more of their total income from dairy products. The southside, central, western, and southwestern areas received nearly 50 percent of their farm income from dairy products.

Wildfire Controls Are Listed

Wildfire and blackfire, tobacco plant diseases commonly known as "frog eye," start for the most part in a plant bed, although it is generally thought the disease starts in the field.

R. B. Hudgins, county agent, said the disease may start in the field but that such attacks usually are late and are seldom as destructive as those which begin in the plant bed.

Wildfire is easily identified by the yellow halo around the diseased spots, which distinguishes it from other leaf-spot trouble.

The agent said beds badly infested should be abandoned.

The first step in controlling the diseases is to follow these measures:

Keep old tobacco trash out of the bed.

Avoid chewing, and spitting tobacco juice on the bed when working in the bed or pulling plants.

Wear clothes that have been washed since handling last year's crop.

In addition, farmers can prevent infection of young plants by spraying the bed with bluestone-lime (4-4-50 bordeaux mixture). Apply the material through the canvas, thoroughly covering the seedlings, the ground, and the frames of the beds. It may be put on with a sprinkling can or a sprayer, using about one quart of the solution to a square yard, or 25 gallons to 100 square yards.

Spray the bed twice, first when the young plants are emerging, and again about two weeks later.

More Exhibit Premiums

RICHMOND, April 23—Total premium offerings for top exhibits in the various departments of the 1952 Atlantic Rural Exposition will be the largest ever offered in the Old Dominion and will be substantially more than last year, R. O. Glover, vice president of the official state fair of Virginia announced today.

Livestock, sheep, swine, rabbits, agriculture and poultry departments are expecting increased interest and more exhibitors for the 1952 exposition. The woman's department has been restored by popular demand after being eliminated for several years, due to inadquate housing space. The premium list is now being prepared and will be issued soon.

The 1952 exposition will open on Friday, September 19, following a preview the night before.

The Atlantic States 4-H Tractor Operators contest will take place on Tuesday, September 23, and contestants are expected from all states east of the Mississippi River.

Business College Program

First assembly program of spring quarter for Phillips Business College was held at the Y. M. C. A. in Lynchburg, on April 16th.

Gold basketball awards and participation certificates were presented to members of the men's and women's teams by coach George Meeks; The following received awards: Eunice Edwards, Clover; Phyllis Hedrick, Gretna; Barbara Johnson, Appomattox; Corrine Ligon, Scottsburg; Pat Pennington, Altavista; Lois Roark, South Boston; Agnes Rowland, Gretna; Ethel Rowland, Gretna; Nellie Steele, Concord; Phyllis Turner, Effinger; Joyce Via, Brookneal; Gail Wood, Lynchburg; Peggy Wooddell, Broakneal. Bill Johnson, Gretna; Robert McCullough, Effinger; Tony Odgen, Temperance; Basil Mitchell, Gladys; Bobby Smith, Big Island; Wallace Staton, Chatham; and Nelson Woodford, Huddleston.

Election of the May Court was held during the assembly. The 12 girls elected to the court are: Shirley Brandt, Brookneal; Ann Craft, Lynchburg; Peggy Ha... Barbara Johnson, Appo... Jordan, Lynchburg; Ma... amay, Natural Bridge; ... Murphy, Chase City; Pa... Altavista; Pat Purd... Heights; Margaret Rice, ... Joyce Via, Brookneal; A... Watts of Lynchburg.

Today's assembly concluded with a "Ta... show. Three members of ... Mrs. Douglas Price, Mrs. ... and Mr. G. W. Bullock ... as judges with two stude... Davis of Buena Vista ... Templeton of Lynchburg.

The show included ... girls, billed as a strip ... included Joyce Via, Bro... Sue Sheets, Brookne... Floyd, Amherst; and ... of Bedford. Ann Waller ... tox sang a solo acco... Barbara Ann Johnson ...

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The roast beef dinner you could buy for $2.37 in 1946 now costs you $5.16—an increase of $2.79, or better than 117%. But despite the fact that food in such a dinner comes great distances from all over the nation—beef from Texas, potatoes from Maine, oranges from Florida and California—the railroads bring it to you for only FOUR CENTS more than in 1946, or an increase of only 25%.

IN SHORT, THE COST OF TRANSPORTING YOUR FOOD BY RAIL HAS GONE UP LESS THAN *ONE-FOURTH* AS MUCH AS THE GENERAL INCREASE IN YOUR FOOD BILL DURING THE PAST SIX YEARS . . .

. . . despite the fact that railroad operating costs are at the highest level in history! Railroad wages and taxes have soared. Costs of coal, lumber, metals and other materials and supplies necessary to railroad operation have skyrocketed.

The next time you sit down to dinner and think about the increased prices you pay The Butcher, The Baker and The Candlestick Maker, remember this: **You can't blame it on the railroads, for they carry 2,000 pounds of freight seven-tenths of a mile for one cent.** *Railway freight rates are relatively the cheapest of all costs to the consumer,* when you compare with higher price-tags on most everything else you buy.

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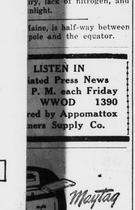

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Idols Up-to-Date

...esson for April 27, 1952

SOME PEOPLE THINK Jesus somehow did away with the Ten Commandments. Nothing of the sort. He showed them in new lights, showed them in a depth and height few if any had suspected; but he had no intention of abolishing them. One thing he sel... dom did — merely repeat the Commandments. That was hardly necessary, as most of his hearers knew them by heart. We fail not so much because we don't know what they mean.

Dr. Foreman

To the First Commandment, **Thou shalt have no other gods before me,** Jesus gave a startling new meaning. Readers of the Gospels will observe (and not only in this week's Scripture by any means) that Jesus demanded supreme loyalty, absolutely without exception. Christians take this seriously, when they are serious Christians, and we accept the tremendous claim sounding through such words as "if any man hate not . . . he cannot be my disciple."

In short, Christians understand that loyalty to God means loyalty to Christ. Taking orders from God means taking orders from Christ. We do not believe this to be idolatry because when we worship and honor Christ we do not pay this tribute to a mere man but to the One God who was one with his Son, and in him.

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The "Almighty Dollar"

THE KIND of idols the ancient Israelites worshipped are no more. At least we see no more gilded calves, no more sacred pillars or brass snakes.

But modern man worships idols still, and even Christians are tempted to do so, just as much as any ancient Israelite. One of these perennial idols, of course, is money.

We measure success with a dollar yardstick; a man will do almost anything, not only not to be poor but even in order not to seem to be a little worse off than his neighbor. We should never forget Martin Luther's definition of a god: Whatever a man hangs his heart on and depends on, that is his god.

How many people hang their heart on property? It is not that money and what it will buy are evil things; the evil begins when we take a good thing and look at it as if it were the best thing.

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The Crowd

ANOTHER POPULAR IDOL goes by various names. The most common name for this many-headed idol is "everybody." When we let "everybody" make our minds up for us; when we feel we just must do something, or have something, that "every one" else has or does; when we decide on what's right and what's wrong by taking a poll, or counting noses, then we are putting people in the place of God.

You can't get "ought" out of "is." You can't find what is right to be done merely by looking at what is done.

It is very poor arithmetic that adds up a million wrong acts and concludes that if a million people act that way it must be right! Everybody may be right, everybody may be wrong; but in either case it is God who is Judge; not man, not a million men. "One with God is a majority."

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The Last Idol

ABOUT THE LAST IDOL a man ever throws away is one that is hardest to see, because to see it you have to look at yourself. The idol to which each of us bows down—far too often; the idol that takes God's place over and over again; this is none other than a man's own self.

"I am the master of my fate," he says, "I am the captain of my soul." Most sins come about in this way, don't they? Essentially that is what sin means, saying to God, "Get out of my way, let me by. Stop giving me orders, let me run my own affairs as I see fit."

Not that a sinning man consciously says such a thing, but when a man steers by his own cloudy notions instead of God's eternal Light, he has the wrong pilot in the cockpit. Perhaps the most foolish of all things is to try to use God, in such a way that these idols may smile upon us!

We want God to bless us so that we can become rich; we want God to make us popular with the crowd; we demand that God help us in our own selfish plans. So even our prayers may be idolatrous.

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CORN PLANTING TIME IS NEAR

It's almost corn planting time in Virginia again, and Extension agronomists at VPI this week had these suggestions for high yields.

Use an adapted hybrid. Your County Agent can advise you. Plant thick. For a full-season hybrid, plant at the rate of 14,000 to 16,000 kernels per acre. For an early variety, plant at the rate of 16,000 to 20,000 kernels.

Use plenty of fertilizer. Apply 300 to 900 pounds per acre of a complete fertilizer such as 4-16-18, 5-10-10, or 2-12-12. Use 200 to 300 pounds per acre in the row. Broadcast the rest on the land and either plow, disk, or harrow it in before planting.

If a soil test has shown low levels of phosphorous and potash in the soil, the amount of fertilizer applied should be around the upper limit of the fertilizer recommended. If soil test was high or medium, the amount of fertilizer used may be less.

On the heavier soils in Piedmont, and on soils west of the Blue Ridge, additional nitrogen can be applied just before planting with the other fertilizer, rather than waiting to apply it as sidedressing.

BOVINE 'BEAUTY' CONTESTS HELD

A beauty contest? Well—in a manner of speaking. Keith Huston, associate dairy husbandman at VPI, reports that 16 of the Jersey and Holstein bulls owned and used by Virginia dairymen have recently been "classified for type."

In effect this means that the dairy animal is compared as far as "looks" go to an ideal animal.

These bovine beauty contests are held on individual farms all over the country. The results of those held in Virginia Artificial Breeding Association at Rocky Mount indicate that the Virginia dairymen using artificial insemination have available service of some outstanding bulls at a very low cost, Huston says.

For example, Dunloggin Advood, a Holstein, and two Jersey bulls, Records Eminent Nobleman and Louisoford Jester Basil, have been classified "excellent." Less than 3 percent of all animals of those breeds have been classified "excellent" in the whole United States. Seven more bulls have been classified "very good."

All five Jersey bulls classified at Rocky Mount averaged 89 points out of a possible 100. The 10 Holstein bulls average 85 points. The national average for Holsteins is 81 points.

The program is sponsored by the various purebred dairy cattle clubs. Huston says it has been shown through research and practical experience that the appearance of an animal is indicative of production.

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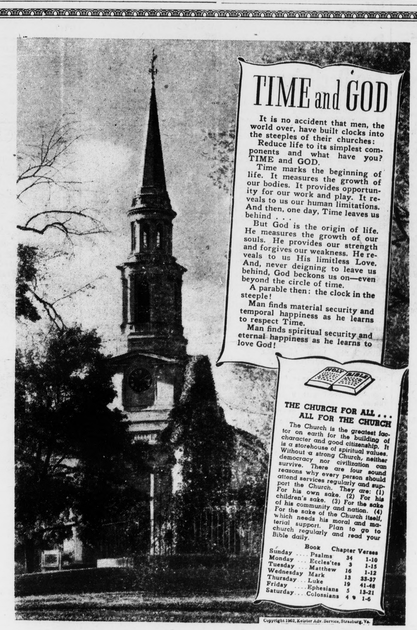

It is no accident that men, the world over, have built clocks into the steeples of their churches:

Reduce life to its simplest components and what have you? TIME and GOD.

Time marks the beginning of life. It measures the growth of our bodies. It provides opportunity for our work and play. It reveals to us our human limitations. And then, one day, Time leaves us behind . . .

But God is the origin of life. He measures the growth of our souls. He provides our strength and forgives our weakness. He reveals to us His limitless Love. And, never deigning to leave us behind, God beckons us on—even beyond the circle of time.

A parable then: the clock in the steeple!

Man finds material security and temporal happiness as he learns to respect Time.

Man finds spiritual security and eternal happiness as he learns to love God!

THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest force on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. For this one hour sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his family's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

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